Service Date: September 7, 1978

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE OF THE WEST for authority to revise tariff schedules.

DOCKET NO. 6598
ORDER NO. 4445

On September 23, 1977, the CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE OF THE WEST (Applicant) filed Advice No. 9 for a tariff revision with the Montana Public Service Commission, requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction granted by Section 70-101, et seq., RCM 1947, AUTHORIZE A TARIFF REVISION TO PROVIDE CHARGES, RATES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE K-36A KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEM, AND FOR RECORDER COUPLER EQUIPMENT, TO CHANGE SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT CODES AND TO MAKE TEXTUAL CHANGES, WHERE NECESSARY, DUE TO THE ABOVE REVISIONS.

Having considered the Application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its Application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the following newspapers on August 7, 1978, or as soon as possible, thereafter: The Billings Gazette, Billings, MT; The Missoulian, Missoula, MT; Bozeman Chronicle, Bozeman, MT; The

Madisonian, Virginia City, MT; Montana Standard, Butte, MT. and the Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, MT. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were requested by August 31, 1978, the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

- 2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
- 3. The Applicant alleges that the charges and monthly rates for the equipment are based on estimated full cost to the utility.
- 4. The Applicant alleges that this filing is intended to satisfy customer requests for these new services.
- 5. The Applicant alleges that this filing will not increase any charge or rate, cause the withdrawal of any service nor conflict with any rule or schedule.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
  - 2. The new tariffs are reasonable and just.

#### ORDER

1. The following is approved:

# SCHEDULE NO. A-10 Key Telephone System Service

Fourth Revised	Sheet No.	1
First Revised	Sheet No.	8A
Original	Sheet No.	8В
Original	Sheet No.	8C
Original	Sheet No.	8D
Second Revised	Sheet No.	9

First	Revised	Sheet No	. 10
First	Revised	Sheet No	. 14
First	Revised	Sheet No	. 15
First	Revised	Sheet No	. 16

# SCHEDULE NO. A-13 Interconnect Couplers and Connecting Arrangements

Fourth	Revised	Sheet	No.	1
First	Revised	Sheet	No.	2
Original		Sheet	No.	9A
Original	L	Sheet	No.	9 B

2. The filed tariffs shall be effective for telephone service rendered after September 6, 1978.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 6th day of September, 1978 by a  $_5$  -  $_0$  vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Chairman

Commissioner

Thomas Schneider, Commissioner

Jame's R. Shea, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill

Secretary

(SEAL)

You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision NOTICE: in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. The Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure,

esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.